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## MEDIA

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**News brief issued** announcing start of cleanup work at Fruitland Site in Maywood: [EPA Begins Prep and Cleanup at Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site in Maywood, Calif.](#) Nahal Mogharabi.

**Spanish version of news brief issued:** [U.S. EPA inicia la preparación y limpieza del sitio del incendio en Fruitland, Maywood, Calif.](#) Soledad Calvino.

**10 News San Diego:** Reporter Allison Ash was looking for information on the Emergency Response cleanup in Julian, Calif., that occurred the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Sent reporter information that EPA could, also referred reporter to SD County who is the lead on the enforcement piece. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Targeted outreach:** Contacted reporters at Spanish media outlets in the Bay Area (Telemundo, Univision, KIQI Radio and Estrella TV) to share information about the upcoming Lead RRP certification in Oakland on October 28-29. Soledad Calvino.

- **KIQI Radio:** Reporter Michelle White said she will help by sharing 1-800 number for people to register. She is also interested in doing a 5-7' radio piece about lead base paint. Waiting to hear from program regarding deadline extension. OPEN. LND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**NBC4 LA:** News Producer Jason Kandel had inquired about clean up at the site. Sent him news brief. He also had a question his FOIA request regarding the Fruitland Magnesium Fire at Panda International Co., in Maywood, CA. Waiting to hear back from reporter for clarification. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino/Nahal Mogharabi

**The State Press** (Arizona State Univ. newspaper): Reporter Joshua Bowlin is asking about EPA rules that regulate incinerators because he is doing a story on the DEA incinerators that destroy drugs seized in raids. Program provided information on proposed Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and suggested checking with HQ for additional information. I am working with HQ on possibly setting up a phone interview on background. Reporter has expressed interest in interview, working on logistics. LAND (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

**Richmond Confidential** (UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism's online news service): Reporter Julia Vassey has questions about Stege Marsh in Richmond; including whether EPA is doing work there and if it is considered the most contaminated marsh in Northern California. Referred reporter to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. WTR (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**San Francisco Magazine:** Reporter Chris Roberts is working on a story about Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and had additional questions for EPA regarding PRG calculations. Provided reporter with written responses, he followed up with additional questions. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Green Power Leadership Awards** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page congratulations to winners in our region – Apple, Google, Intel, Cisco, and Jackson Wines – and linked to our [Green Power Leadership Awards](#) page.

### Web Updates:

**Tribal Newsletter** – Posted the October issue of the [Tribal Newsletter](#).

**California Air Actions** – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the Eastern San Luis Obispo 2008 Ozone Attainment to the [California Additional Areas Air Actions page](#).

**Navajo AUMs** – Posted new technical documents and photos to the Ruby Mines page of the [Navajo Nation AUMs website](#).

**Title V Air Permits** – Posted the Nevada BACP Title V Final Evaluation Report to the [Title V Evaluations in Region 9 page](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12):** A new letter from the Congresswoman dated October 17, 2016 was sent to Navy Secretary Mabus and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding Hunters Point Naval Ship Yard and concern with data integrity and remediation and transfer of property and supporting a request by the City of San Francisco for a timely meeting of senior leadership of agencies and regulators involved. Superfund Division has a copy of the PDF incoming letter. Superfund's Lily Lee has reached out to Nicole Elliot, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs with the Mayor's Office and we are awaiting word back as to when a meeting could potentially take place. HQ has formally controlled this letter to Region IX. A copy of this letter is available upon request.

**Sen. John McCain and Sen. John Barrasso:** Brent Maier received a PDF copy of a letter from the Senators to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing concern regarding no criminal charges of EPA personnel following the Gold King Mine spill. This letter will be responded to by EPA HQ. A copy of the letter is available upon request.

**Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ):** At the request of Water Division's David Albright who received a request from Melanie Lehnhardt in the Senator's DC office for our office to provide an update on Excelsior Copper UIC Permit Application and Florence Copper UIC Permit Application, Brent Maier has reached out to Ms. Lehnhardt to see if she is available for a call on Wednesday, October 19th at 10:30am PT (1:30pm ET) to discuss and have David provide an update on Excelsior Copper and Florence Copper UIC permit applications. Call is confirmed for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am PT (1:30pm ET).

**Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1):** Brent Maier shared with Jennifer Horne, Auburn Deputy District Director, Lisa Mara, Auburn District Director, and Mark Spannagel, Chief of Staff in the Office of

Congressman Doug LaMalfa a summary document following a call with their office and Jay M. Green, Deputy Director (Acting), Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. EPA Criminal Investigation Division, and Scott Adair, Assistant Special Agent in Charge on October 6th. The Congressman's Chief of Staff, Mark Spannagel had requested a summary of the topics/points discussed during our call in lieu of a formal written response to the incoming letter sent to EPA's Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss. Brent Maier has formally closed this letter out in our Correspondence Management System.

**Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA-17):** Brent Maier shared a final response and answers to a number of questions from a community workshop held in Milpitas on August 5<sup>th</sup> which were directed to U.S. EPA Region 9. The incoming letter was directed to Land Division's Karen Irwin and Brent Maier worked with Land Division's Steve Wall and Amanda Hoang on finalizing responses. A copy of the outgoing letter is available upon request.

**Congressional Outreach on News Brief Regarding Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site:** Brent Maier shared today's news brief with staff in the offices of Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, State Senator Ricardo Lara, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and Supervisor Hilda Solis announcing that EPA will begin site preparations and hazardous waste removal in the aftermath of the Fruitland Magnesium Fire in Maywood, Calif. The cleanup activities are expected to last approximately eight weeks and may cost up to \$3 million.

**GAO Report:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) today released the following report: *Water Infrastructure: Information on Selected Midsize and Large Cities with Declining Populations*. GAO-16-785, September 15, 2016. Report: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-785>

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/679782.pdf>

**GAO Report:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) today released the following Report: *Environmental Protection: Information on Federal Agencies' Expenditures and Coordination Related to Harmful Algae*. GAO-17-119, October 14, 2016. Report: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-119> Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/680458.pdf>

### **Upcoming Intergovernmental Meetings:**

**Mayors Water Council to Convene in Napa, CA - The US Conference of Mayors' Mayors**

Water Council will convene November 2 – 3 in Napa, CA. to discuss a wide range of issues of interest to the communities they represent. Council Co-Chairs Mayors Joy Cooper (Hallandale Beach, FL) and Jill Techel (Napa, CA) will chair the meeting. Discussion topics include the following: Resiliency Considerations for Local Water and Wastewater Infrastructure; Water Reuse Policy Framework and Industry Initiatives; and Emerging Federal Policies on Water Infrastructure. Mayor Techel will moderate a Regulatory Review panel that will feature remarks on several priority areas, including: the Perchlorate and Lead and Copper Rulemakings. As part of this session, a USCM Staff Report and Mayoral Discussion will focus on EPA's National Drinking Water Action Plan. The Mayors Water Council and other interested mayors continue to review elements of the Action Plan and their comments and feedback will be compiled later this month by USCM staff ahead of a planned convening with EPA to further discuss their input. Day 2 of the convening will feature updates on the Water Resources Development Act 2016 (WRDA) from USCM staff, and on "Integrated Planning Policy and Legislative Initiatives" from Lima, OH Mayor David Berger. Mayor Techel will also bring remarks on the City of Napa's Water Investment Program. Mayor Cooper will moderate a session on Public Water Infrastructure Investment that will feature "A Snapshot of Public Water Investment in California"-USCM Staff Report. The Mayors Water Council will convene next during USCM's January 2017 Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

**EPA's Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) to Host Quarterly Outreach Meeting -**

On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, DAA Rupp will chair the OIR's Quarterly Outreach Meeting with State and Local Intergovernmental National Associations. The meeting will feature Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, discussing EPA's National Drinking Water Action Plan. The second portion of the meeting will focus on a new Urban Stormwater Management Long-Range Planning Initiative and will be led by Deborah Nagle, Director, Water Permits Division, and Chris Kloss, Branch Chief, Water Permits Division, Office of Water. Dialogue will follow brief opening remarks by all presenters. The regular convening provides an opportunity for EPA to discuss priority issues of interest to state and local elected officials, engage in dialogue, and receive valuable feedback and perspective. Organizations represented include the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS); National Governors Association (NGA); National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); US Conference of Mayors (USCM); National Association of Counties (NACo); and a host of media-specific professional associations, including the American Water Works Association (AWWA); National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA); and National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon